

Alberta Treasury

Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21 TO AUGUST 25, 2000

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month	Month'00/ Month'99	Comments
Retail Sales (\$millions)	June			
Alberta	2,648	1.1%	10.2%	In June, Alberta retail sales increased by 1.1% from the previous month, while national retail sales were up 0.8%. From June 1999 to June of 2000, Alberta (10.2%) had the greatest increase in retail sales among the provinces. Three of the ten provinces showed declines from the previous month. The automotive sector (1.5%) contributed the most to the increase of national sales.
Canada	22,893	0.8%	6.3%	
Average Weekly Earnings (S.A.)	June			
Alberta	644.22	0.1%	4.0%	In June, average weekly earnings (AWE) in Alberta rose by 0.1% over the previous month. This was still the second highest level among provinces, behind Ontario. In the first 6 months of this year, AWE in Alberta has risen 3.2% compared to the same period last year. This compares with a 2.6% increase for Canada as a whole.
Canada	626.29	0.1%	2.7%	